

1	2	3	4	5
9. Kerala	262000	619955	2.94	
10. Madhya Pradesh	70000	40772	1.06	
11. Maharashtra	225000	248638	1.84	
12. North East	22500	12066	1.03	
13. Orissa	35000	44204	0.63	
14. Punjab	164000	184448	3.48	
15. Rajasthan	147000	156323	1.39	
16. Tamilnadu	249000	285276	1.73	
17. Uttar Pradesh (E)	95000	58510	0.74	
18. Uttar Pradesh (W)	99000	73763	0.74	
19. West Bengal	86000	65352	0.40	
20. Andaman and Nicobar	4500	2550	2.24	
21. Bombay	226000	804	13.06	
22. Delhi	214000	2216	14.62	
23. Calcutta	80000	84816	4.77	
24. Chennai	75000	80607	7.88	
Total	2900000	2887200	1.72	

Note :

1. North East comprises the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. West Bengal comprises the State of Sikkim also.
3. Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai and Delhi are the Metro cities.
4. Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamilnadu Circles comprises of respective States excluding Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai respectively.
5. Maharashtra comprises the State of Goa also.

Electronic Telephone Exchange in M.P.

1427. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to install electronic telephone exchanges by replacing the old telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during 1997-98; and

(b) if so, the detail thereof and the time schedule thereof district-wise, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sir, details are given in enclosed Statement.

Statement

S.No. Locations	Distt.	Existing		Tentative Time Schedule for replacement
		Type	Capacity	
1. Bilaspur	Bilaspur	MAX-I Strowger	5000	March, 1998
2. Ujjain	Ujjain	-do-	3200	March, 1998
3. Singroli	Sidhi	MAX-II U/S Type	400	March, 1998

[Translation]

Constitution of Working Group by Japan

1428. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Japan has constituted a working group for speedy development of power industry in the country and this group will assist in raising capital and providing improved technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the aforesaid group will start its work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) With a view to support private initiative for infrastructure develop-

ment and explore business opportunities for the Japanese private sector in India, the Japanese had established a Study Group on the electric power development for India in July, 1996. After making extensive studies, the study group has finalised its report on 28.3.1997. In its final report, the Japanese private sector and the Government of Japan have acknowledged that support for development of the power sector is a vital step for industrial cooperation with India which is considered one of the big emerging markets. The Study Group has identified the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka for Japanese cooperation. Further, progress in this direction would depend upon the initiatives to be taken by Japanese private sector and response of the concerned states. The study group proposes to continue discussions with the states concerned to identify specific areas for cooperation.